WE NEVER LEARN

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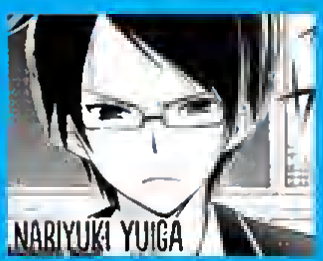
Nariyuki Yuiga is a self-professed super student. He's not naturally gifted in the sciences or arts like his classmates Rizu and Fumino, but he does have pluck and persistence! He's such a good student that he finally realizes his dream of obtaining a scholarship to college, which is a great relief since his family is dirt-poor! But there's a catch...

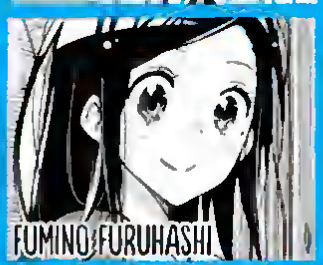
PREVIOUSLY IN *WE NEVER LEARN*:

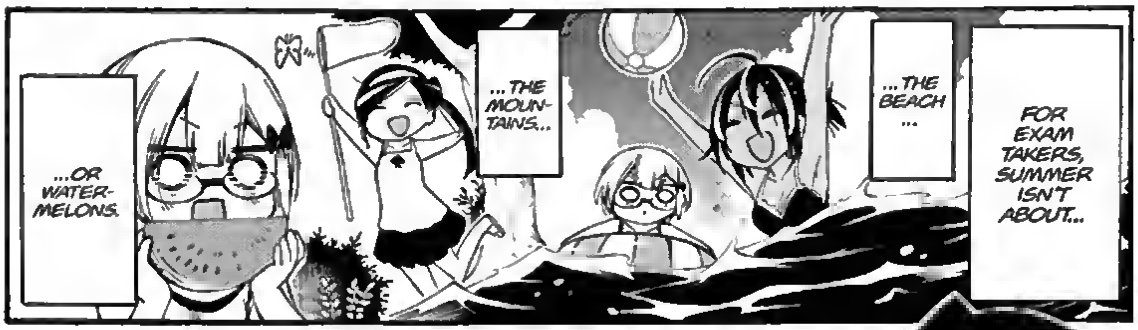
Three prodigies + three difficult subjects + one desperate tutor = DANGER!

Yuiga has his hands full trying to help three students succeed in their worst subjects. Fumino is an ace in literature but wants to study science! Super athlete Uruka's preferred university requires English proficiency, but she hates to study! And math whiz Rizu is determined to major in the humanities. But if Yuiga somehow succeeds, he'll get the scholarship he needs to attend his college of choice!

Now that Yuiga's misunderstanding with Ogata is over, he can finally focus on his own studies...right? Right?!







*SAEGUSA SEMINAR

Question 31: A Lost Lamb in New Territory Encounters X

SEVERAL DAYS EARLIER...
PRINCIPAL
HUH ?!
MY FRIEND RUNS A SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM IN TOWN.
YOU CAN ATTEND FOR FREE. JUST BE SURE TO WORK HARD.
YES.
Bogo
Smile
YOU'RE OFFERING ME...
...SUMMER SCHOOL?
IN EX-CHANGE...
The sweetest word...
FREE!
NEXT TIME...
YOU GET THE IDEA, RIGHT, YUIGA?
Y-YES!! LEAVE IT TO ME!!
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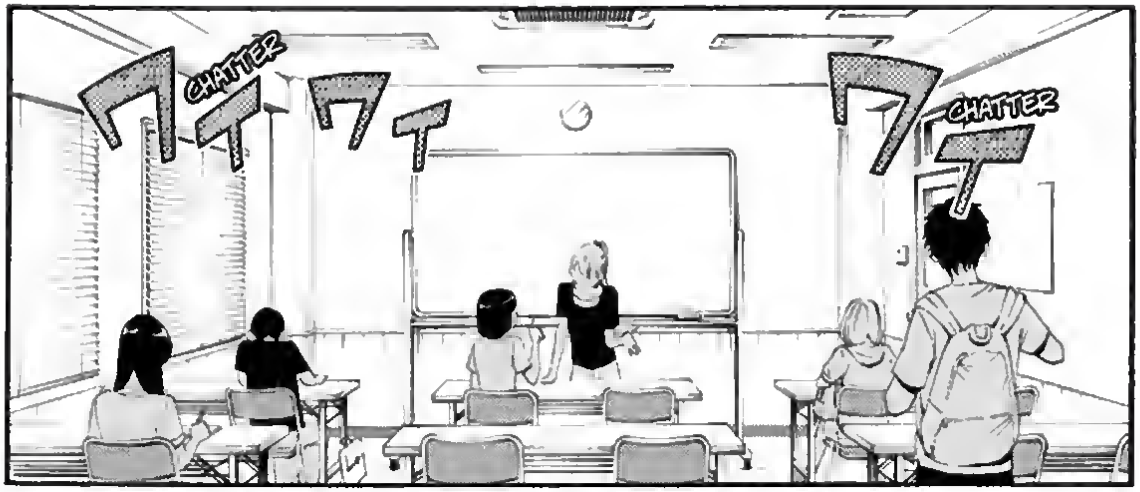
Language Arts
Rizu Ogata


CHATTER
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I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO GO TO A CRAM SCHOOL.
DRIVE THOSE SCORES WAY UP...

GEE... THIS FEELS LIKE MORE PRESSURE.
Nobody else wore their uniform...
BETTER NOT TO THINK ABOUT IT...

HEY!
!

?!
MY SEAT'S RIGHT THERE.
CAN I GET BY?
THIS IS AN ACCELERATED CLASS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS! CAN SHE HACK IT?
OR IS SHE IN GRADE SCHOOL?
WAIT... CAN MIDDLE-SCHOOLERS GO TO CRAM SCHOOL?
CLATTER
OOPS. SORRY.
OH!
WHAT?
Then again, she's taller than Ogata.
NOTE
OH, NOTHING ...
NICE TO MEET YOU.
I LOOK FORWARD TO LEARNING TOGETHER.

GLANCE
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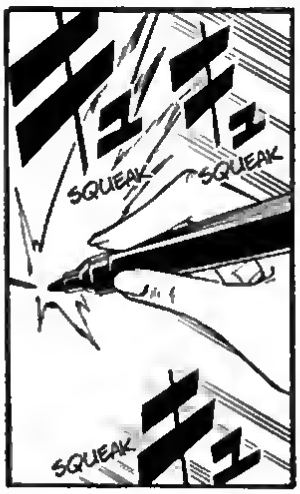
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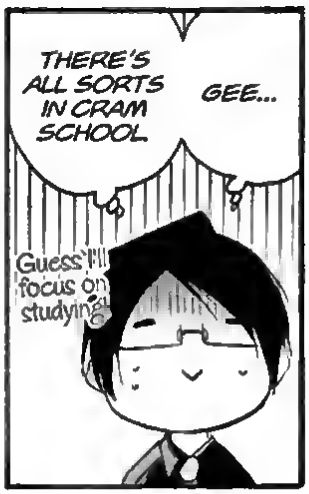
THERE'S ALL SORTS IN CRAM SCHOOL.
GEE...
Guess I'll focus on studying.

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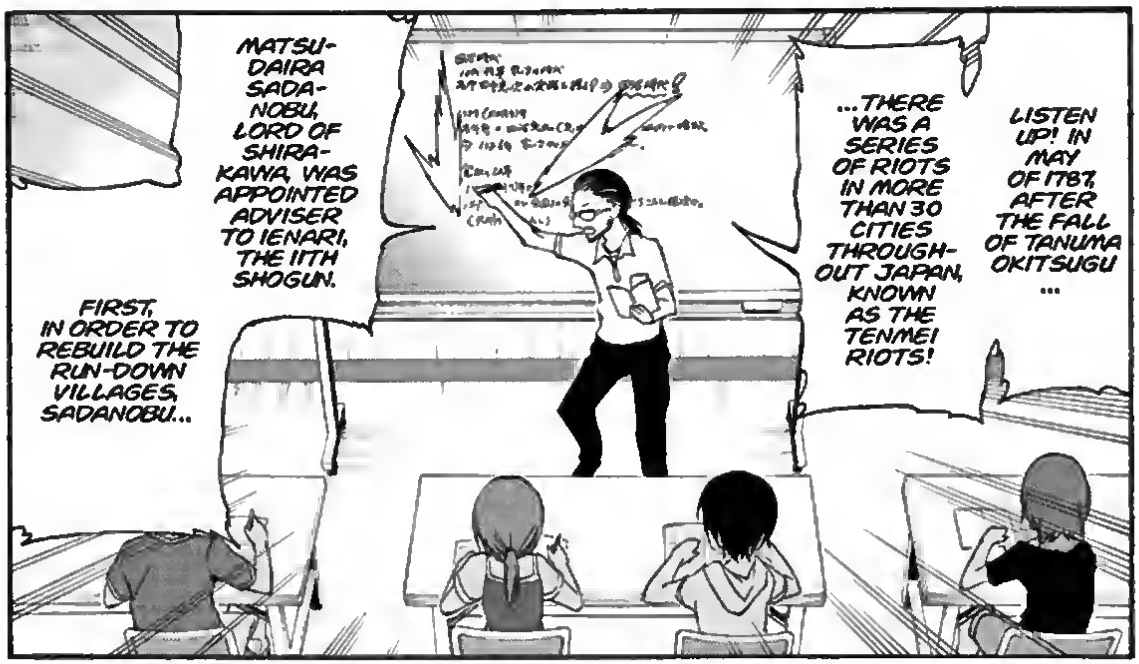
WHISH
NO ANSWER ?!


MATSU-DAIRA SADA-NOBU, LORD OF SHIRA-KAWA, WAS APPOINTED ADVISER TO IENARI, THE 11TH SHOGUN.
FIRST, IN ORDER TO REBUILD THE RUN-DOWN VILLAGES, SADANOBU...
...THERE WAS A SERIES OF RIOTS IN MORE THAN 30 CITIES THROUGH-OUT JAPAN, KNOWN AS THE TENMEI RIOTS!
LISTEN UP! IN MAY OF 1787, AFTER THE FALL OF TANUMA OKITSUGU ...

ASUMI KOMINAMI!
THE MAJOR ECONOMIC POLICIES OF THE PERIOD WERE..
LET'S HEAR YOUR ANSWER!
CRAM SCHOOL IS REALLY INTENSE!
IT'S GONNA BE HARD JUST KEEPING UP!
EEK!
YIKES! THIS IS FAST-PACED!
CLATTER
RICE STOCKPILING. AGRICULTURAL REFORM. DEBT FORGIVENESS. PRISONER REHABILITATION CENTERS. AND A 70 PERCENT RESERVE FUND...
...SIR.
ACK!
I DIDN'T GET EVERY-THING DOWN!
HE'S GOING SO FAST!
NOW WHAT?
BAM
SHOOSH
NEXT, EDUCA-TIONAL AND PHILO-SOPHICAL REFORMS...
CORRECT.
EXCEL-LENT WORK
BOW
WHOA...
JUNIOR HIGH KIDS THESE DAYS ARE AMAZING!

FWAP
TH-THANKS!
HUH?
SKRIIT
S.KRIIT
SKRIIT
SKRIIT
FOLLOWING SUCH HIGH-PACED LESSONS AT YOUR AGE...
YOU'RE IMPRESSIVE.
I CAN BARELY KEEP UP!
TMP
THANKS FOR SHARING YOUR NOTES EARLIER. I REALLY APPRECIATE IT.
YOU'RE KOMINAMI, RIGHT?
UM...
CHATTER
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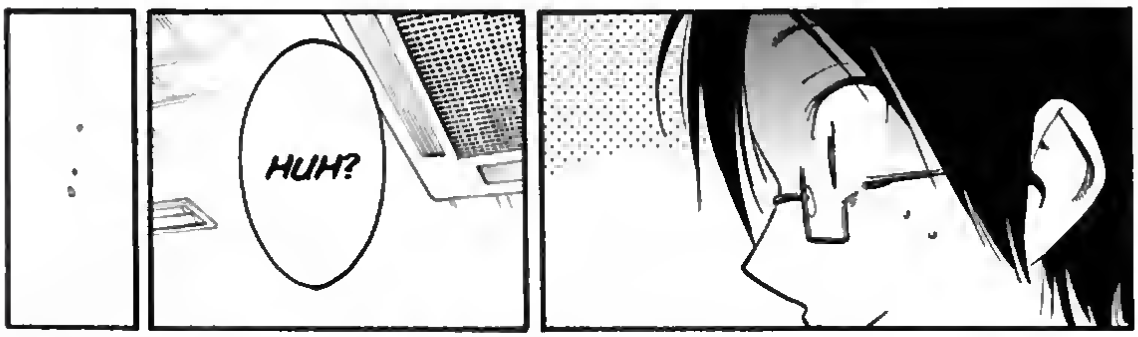
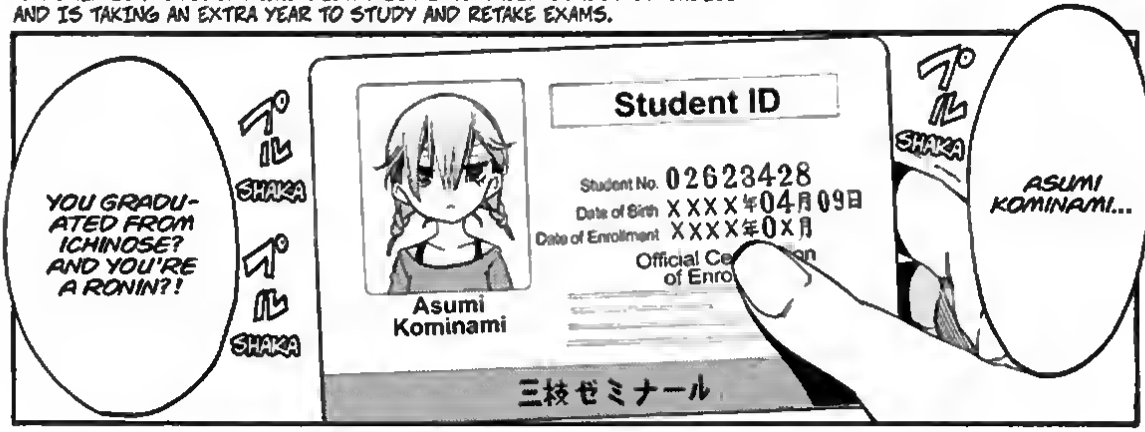
...IS FROM ICHINOSE ACADEMY, RIGHT?
SKIP
YOUR UNIFORM ...



*A RONIN IS A STUDENT WHO DIDN'T GET INTO THEIR SCHOOL OF CHOICE AND IS TAKING AN EXTRA YEAR TO STUDY AND RETAKE EXAMS.



SHE'S 19?!
FOR REAL?! SHE COULD PASS FOR A GRADE SCHOOLER!
SO...
IT'S TRUE I'M TAKING AN EXTRA YEAR TO RETEST FOR THE NATIONAL MED SCHOOL PROGRAM...
BUT DON'T EVER CALL ME "RONIN" AGAIN.
Only I can say it.

WHEN YOU SPEAK TO ME, I EXPECT PROPER ETI-QUETTE!
BETTER YET, DON'T SPEAK TO ME! I'M HERE TO LEARN!
THIS IS MY LAST CHANCE!

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GRRRGGLLL

WOW. SHE'S REALLY DRIVEN ...
SKRIIT
カリ
カリ
SKRIIT

WELL, ME TOO.
I'LL USE LUNCH-TIME TO REVIEW TOO...
MCHMP
CHOMP

*SENPAI ARE UPPERCLASSMEN AND KOHAI ARE UNDERCLASSMEN.

I...
I THOUGHT CRAM SCHOOL WAS JUST THIS PLACE WHERE MY SCORES WOULD MAGICALLY IMPROVE...
WHAT ARE YOU, STUPID?
OF COURSE IT'S NOT.
THERE MIGHT BE THE RARE GENIUS WHO LEARNS JUST BY SITTING AND LISTENING...
Ge-nius-es
THEN AGAIN...
...WHY WOULD SOMEONE LIKE THAT NEED TO COME TO CRAM SCHOOL ANYWAY?
SKRIT
SKRIT
SKRIT
Yum...
BUT HONESTLY...
...THERE ARE PLENTY OF PEOPLE WHO THINK ALL THEY HAFTA DO IS SHOW UP.
BUT IF YOU DON'T PUT IN THE EFFORT ...
...OF COURSE YOU'RE NOT GONNA SEE RESULTS.

DON'T FORGET THAT, KOHAI!
CRAM SCHOOL IS JUST THERE TO SUPPORT THAT.
WE'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR OWN STUDIES.

THAT'S WHY...
...I'M HERE FOR A SECOND GO-AROUND.
I HAD IT TOTALLY WRONG MYSELF.
I...

RIGHT...
WANT HELP WITH THAT?
BAM
SHP
NOW I WANT TO SLAP MYSELF!
HONESTLY, I WAS STILL THINKING YOU MIGHT BE IN JUNIOR HIGH.
YOU'RE REALLY COOL.
WOW, KOMINAMI SENPAI...

to _____ taxes.
HUH?
TONK TONK
TOMORROW I'LL KEEP UP FOR SURE!
PHEW!
FINALLY DONE REVIEWING FOR TODAY!
I WAS SO FOCUSED I DIDN'T SAY GOODBYE.
OH WELL.
DID KOMINAMI SENPAI GO HOME ALREADY?

WHERE'S THAT TRAIN STATION?
WAIT A SEC...
ザンッ
TMP
I SEEM TO HAVE WANDERED INTO A SHADY DISTRICT...
AND SOME-HOW...
RATS. I DON'T KNOW THIS PART OF TOWN AT ALL.
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BA-BA-BUM
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WE KNOW WHERE YOU REALLY WANNA GO.
HEY, JUNIOR... ♡
YOU NEED HELP WITH SOME-THING?
ビクッ
JOLT
YOU'RE GONNA LIKE THIS, KID... ♡
CLAMP
ポム

HUH?! WHAT?!
I'M LOOKING FOR THE TRAIN STATION...
DON'T WORRY. THIS WAY!
YEAH, COME ON! ♡
WAIT... DID YOU HEAR ME?
HEY!
DON'T WORRY... THEY DON'T CARD... ♡
WHY...
I WAS JUST ON MY WAY HOME FROM SUMMER SCHOOL...
...TRYING TO FIND THE TRAIN STATION...
FLUTTER
WHAT IS THIS?
WHAT IS GOING ON?

キラッ☆
SPARKLE
WEL-COME HOME ...
...DARLING!♡
ER... PARDON MY IGNO-RANCE ...
...BUT IS THIS ONE OF THOSE MAID CAFÉS?
IT SURE IS!
SO, I WOULD IMAGINE ...
...IT COSTS MONEY?
OF COURSE IT DOES!
I'M LEAVING !!
KA-ZOOM
ドヒュウ
WAIT, DARLING !!

AIEEEE!!
A seating charge?!
YOU OWE US A SEATING CHARGE OF 1,000 YEN FOR ONE HOUR.
BAM
?!
I'M THROUGH.. FORGIVE ME, MIZUKI, HAZUKI, KAZUKI...
BA-DUMP BA-DUMP
YOUR BROTHER WILL BE FORCED INTO INDENTURED SERVITUDE NOW...
TOTAL HOLDINGS: 460 YEN (240 YEN FOR THE TRAIN)
I'M SO SORRY I'M LATE! ♡
SLUMP
TAK TAK TAK
OGATA... FURU-HASHI...
TAKE-MOTO... I'M SORRY.
I HOPE YOU STILL PASS YOUR TESTS WITHOUT ME.

I'M ASHUMI, THE PIXIE MAID! ♡
AS ALWAYS, I'M AT YOUR SERVICE !! ♪

TO BE CONTINUED...